



October 17, 2025

The Honorable John Boozman
Chairman
United States Senate Committee on
Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry
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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
Ranking Member
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Chairman Boozman and Ranking Member Klobuchar:

We write to you in support of S. 1462, the Fix Our Forests Act (Act). This legislation offers vital reforms that will improve forest and watershed health, address the wildfire crisis, and renew struggling timber economies across the West. Updates to fire management areas, expedited approval and planning processes, expansion of the Good Neighbor Authority, fostering advancements in cutting-edge wildfire related technology and improved judicial review processes will greatly benefit federal forest management practices.

As governors of Western states, we experience firsthand the increasing forest health and wildfire crises that directly impact our communities and citizens. These challenges are significant and urgent and demand action to strengthen the opportunities and partnerships at our disposal. The Fix Our Forests Act as proposed in the Senate provides important expanded authorities that will allow executive branch agencies and partners, including states, to better meet our goals and objectives. The Senate-proposed version of the Fix Our Forests Act has been thoughtfully and thoroughly developed, drawing support from a diversity of key western constituencies and stakeholders coming from multiple perspectives.

This fire season has already reiterated to our states and communities that state, local and federal leaders must continue to urgently prioritize lowering wildfire risk and intelligently growing the tools at our disposal and efficiency of those tools with respect to wildfire mitigation, suppression, detection, forest and watershed health, and recovery. This fire season is not over yet, and it is clear that future fire seasons will continue to stretch capacities and endanger communities and vital assets without meaningful action as proposed by S. 1462.

While we all see some differing priorities or imperfections in this bill through our individual lenses, we appreciate the incredible work to date to drive toward and deliver a bill that we can all urgently support. This is meaningful progress in addressing the urgent needs our states, communities and forests face, and we urge the committee and the Senate to continue to advance this important bill with likewise urgency.

Sincerely,

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Governor Greg Gianforte
State of Montana

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Governor Jared Polis
State of Colorado

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Governor Spencer Cox
State of Utah

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom".

Governor Gavin Newsom
State of California